



Mid-Cities Commodore Club  
413 Chisolm Trail  
Hurst, TX 76053

\*\*\* JUNE 1983

MCCC NEWS

ISSUE 3 \*\*\*

\*\*\*PRESIDENT'S NOTES\*\*\*

I'd like to welcome all of you new members. As of June 4, we have 124 C64 members, 56 VIC, and 3 PET for a total membership of 183.

It is evident that we are experiencing some growing pains. Although we had hoped that we would have a permanent "home" at the Hurst Rec Center, we may have to look elsewhere if we continue this rapid growth.

One step which we must take is to more formally structure our meetings in order to avoid the seeming chaos at last month's meeting. To this end, please note the following rules and agenda for the June 18th meeting:

1. All machines should be left OFF until the software demonstration/exchange period.
2. The first hour will consist of the business meeting, program, and questions pertaining to these two topics only.
3. The next thirty minutes will consist of the 64 and VIC individual group meetings with the Group Leaders presiding. At this time, they will answer written questions which you will have been given an opportunity to write, as well as announcing what programs are available for copying.
4. After this Q & A period, the informal discussion and exchange will take place. PLEASE try to keep the noise level down! Your courtesy will be appreciated (and, we hope, reciprocated) by all.

At the June 4 executive meeting, the following expenditures were approved: \$30 to purchase the VIC-20 public domain volumes; \$45 to purchase miscellaneous supplies pertaining to the newsletter; and the funds necessary to publish new directories and publish and mail the newsletter.

Many thanks to the following volunteers: Ken Westbrook-VIC 20 group leader; Diane Dews-C64 group leader; and Joe Kent-Education Chairman.

Please note that this month's program deals with "Screen Format and File Processing for Business Applications" by Henry Zaehring. Henry is Bell Helicopter's Educational Coordinator. It should be a great meeting -- hope to see you there. Garry W.

\*\*\*MAY MINUTES\*\*\*

The May 21, 1983 meeting was called to order by Garry Wordelman. Minutes of the April meeting were read by Secretary Ken Widner. Treasurer Bruce Nelson reported the club's finances and membership status - 97 C64, 48 VIC, and 3 PET. David Sunkel announced that up to 3 library disks may be mailed in one mailer. Steve Stockdale asked for comments on the newsletter - the response was favorable - and encouraged people to contribute.

Ken Westbrook was named as the new VIC-20 group leader. Twenty-two members expressed an interest in Ham Radio.

Garry announced that Taylor Computers was selling out all VIC software at 50% off. He also reported that expenses to incorporate may be prohibitive.

Todd Stine and Dennis Foreman of Metroplex Computers presented the program, discussing repair of Commodore hardware.

Some monitor problems were discussed among the members, the most significant being that with the new Commodore monitor, the rear plug-in provides greater resolution than the front plug-in.

Joe Kent volunteered to become the Education Chairman and set up a course in BASIC.

The meeting adjourned to informal chaos and software exchange.

Ken Widner

\*\*\*SPECIAL THANKS\*\*\*

...to Bert Gray for printing our membership cards for no charge.

Bert Gray  
ABC Quick Print  
5911 East Lancaster  
Fort Worth

...and David and Fred Noble for the use of their 4040 disk drive to copy disks for the library.

Noble Firearms, Inc.  
3340 N. Beach  
Fort Worth

(Free Service = Free Advertising)

\*\*\*AMENDMENTS\*\*\*

The following amendments to the constitution will be presented to the membership at the June 18th meeting and will be voted upon at the July 16th meeting. Please read and ponder prior to the next meeting.

1. ARTICLE II, Section 1.

ELIGIBILITY. Membership status shall be extended to any dues-paying person or family without regard to race, color, or creed.

2. ARTICLE VII, Section 3.

Expenditures required to conduct regular club correspondence such as the newsletter, membership directories, software catalogs, etc. shall be exempt from the approval requirements. Exempted expenses shall include costs associated with reproduction and distribution to the membership.

3. ARTICLE VII, Section 4.

Any items which are purchased by the club to further club activities and goals will become club assets and remain the sole property of the club until the club is dissolved.

4. ARTICLE VIII, Section 3.

DISSOLUTION. An amendment to dissolve the club shall be the process by which the club shall cease operations and void all memberships.

Upon dissolution, all club assets shall be sold within a reasonable time. The proceeds of the sale, along with any cash remaining in the club treasury, shall be equally distributed to all regular members at the time of the dissolution vote.

ESCAPE CHARACTER WEDGE

by Steve Scott

Have you ever had need for an "escape" key and only then noticed that your C64 doesn't have one? Some word processors, like Word Pro 3, or text services like Star Text, require the use of escape characters. The accompanying program makes this facility available to you. This is accomplished by re-defining 'F1' (chr\$(133)) to escape (chr\$(27)). Lines 40-70 place the wedge at \$C020. The machine language routine was placed there because \$C000-\$CFFF is protected from BASIC. This insures that the wedge will not interfere with your Basic programs. Line 130 places a very small routine at \$2000. This routine simply changes the hardware vector (\$0314-\$0315) from its usual value (\$EA31) to point at the wedge (\$C020). The wedge in turn jumps to the usual hardware interrupt vector. Those of you with Supermon 64 (or similar utility) may disassemble the wedge to see how it works. Once the program is run, typing 'F1' will output an escape character. The re-definition will remain in effect until a Control Z or the Run/Stop-Restore sequence is entered.

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5  RESTORE
10  PRINT  CHR$ (147)
20  PRINT  CHR$ (159) CHR$ (17) CHR$
    (17)"PROGRAM LOADING...."
30  PRINT
40  FOR I = 0 TO 43
50  READ Q
60  POKE 49184 + I,Q
70  NEXT
80  PRINT "ESCAPE CHAR WEDGE INSE
    RTED...."
90  PRINT "ENTER 'F1' TO SEND ESC
    ( CHR$ (27) )"
100 PRINT
110 PRINT "ENTER CTRL-Z TO RETUR
    N 'F1' TO NORMAL"
120 PRINT "FUNCTION"
130 FOR I = 0 TO 12: READ Q: POKE
    8192 + I,Q: NEXT
140 DATA 32,159,255,173,119,2,
    201,133,208,9,169,27,141,119
    ,2,169,1,133,198,173
150 DATA 119,2,201,26,240,3,76,
    49,234,120,169,49,141,20,3
160 DATA 169,234,141,21,3,88,76
    ,49,234
170 DATA 120,169,32,141,20,3,16
    9,192,141,21,3,88,96
180 SYS8192
190 NEW
200 END
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\*\*\*USER BITS\*\*\*

USER BITS is a regular section of the MCCC NEWS reserved for club member use -- notes, announcements, ads, requests, pleas, etc. Call Steve S., 571-9187, with your ad today!

VIC-20 4-slot expander board with fuse reset button and selector switch. Several remaining - only \$35. Rick W., 261-5995.

BEGINNERS CLASSES for 10-15 year olds, Apple or Commodore. Private instruction, \$7.50/hour, six 2-hour classes. Call Shaun Clark, 283-5507.

WILLING TO PAY for help in translating HP41CV programs for use on C64. Rob M., 282-2227.

HOME INVENTORY software, includes disk and instructions. Only 5 copies left. Steve S., 571-9187. \$15

\*\*\*STORE DISCOUNTS\*\*\*

VIDEOLAND - 10% non-sale software  
RAVE - 10% non-sale software

\*\*\*FYI\*\*\*

- ✓ Your computer monitor should be compatible with your video cassette recorder - the resolution is much better!
- ✓ If your power supply dies, it can be revived by the repair team of Todd Stine and Dennis Foreman for about \$28. Or, you can order a new one from Commodore for about \$19.95 plus shipping and 4-6 weeks.
- ✓ A toll-free number to get a WWV time hack is 1-800-957-9999.

\*\*\*BRAINSTORMING\*\*\*

(or, "Idle Thoughts I've Had While Contemplating Syntax Errors")

How about if the club provided an incentive for people to type up the programs listed in magazines such as COMPUTE, COMMANDER, etc.? Say a certain amount per line, or 10 lines, to the first person to mail a diskette to the librarian with a correctly entered program?

Is the timing right for the newsletter? Would you rather receive it sooner, or later? What about passing it out at the meeting, instead of mailing it?

\*\*\*LOOKING AHEAD\*\*\*

JUNE MEETING

- ✓ There will be a sign-up sheet for a BASIC course for beginners. See Joe Kent.
- ✓ Questions for group leaders will be written. Have your questions ready when you come. You'll be given a chance to write them down during the meeting, or do it prior.
- ✓ You'll be asked to complete a survey. Think about what your current interests are, what your future interests might be, and what you really want out of the club.
- ✓ If you've written software or have public domain programs, please bring them to trade. REMEMBER-No copyrighted programs are to be copied during any meeting!
- ✓ Several amendments to the Constitution will be discussed.
- ✓ We have over \$1800 in the bank. We'll discuss buying some software for the library which may be loaned out to club members.

JULY MEETING

- ✓ A printer demo is planned. If you have one and can bring it, please contact one of the group leaders.
- ✓ Pat McCoy will demonstrate the Word Pro 3 word processing program. If anyone wishes to demonstrate another package, contact Garry.

\*\*\*COPYING THE C64 DOS WEDGE\*\*\*

(From the June issue of COMPUTE! magazine)

You may copy this handy program to any of your diskettes with the aid of a machine language monitor now available from the Club Library: SUPERMON-64. Here is the procedure:

1. LOAD and RUN the SUPERMON-64 program.
2. Within the monitor, load the DOS 5.1 program into memory by entering L"DOS 5.1",08.
3. You may now save the wedge into any diskette by entering S"DOS 5.1",08,CC00,CF5A.
4. Exit the monitor by entering X.

To load the wedge, enter LOAD"DOS 5.1",8,1.

To enable the wedge, enter SYS52224.

Bruce Nelson

\*\*\*MCCC MEETING AGENDA\*\*\*  
18 JUNE 1983

1:30-2:30 Business Meeting  
Program-Henry Zaehring  
2:30-3:00 Group Meetings  
3:00- Software Exchange,  
Discussion

C64 → PET

To get a C64 program to run on a PET 2001,  
do the following:

Type in: "Ø REM", RETURN  
"POKE 2048,Ø", RETURN

Load the program:

"POKE 1025,1:POKE1026,8", RETURN  
"Ø", RETURN  
"RUN", RETURN

Charles Hinckley

\*\*\*VIC-20 VOLKS!\*\*\*

Group Leader Ken Westbrook urges you to  
bring your computers to the meeting! With  
our new set-up, there can't be too many.

A NOVEL IDEA! Everyone bring a cheap cas-  
sette with 4 or 5 of your best programs on  
it. Everyone who brings one will get to  
draw a different one to take home. (Just  
like Halloween, only different.)

Volume IV of the Public Domain software  
should be available by the end of July.

\*\*\*EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING\*\*\*

Saturday, July 9, 10:00 a.m.  
413 Chisholm Trail, Hurst

All officers, group leaders, and committee  
chairmen please attend. Please call Garry if  
unable to attend.

ENHANCEMENT TO SINGLE DISK BACK-UP

This addition to your SINGLE DISK (or 1541) BACK-UP program will allow you to  
either exit the program or copy another program.

Dr. Norman H. Sanders

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725 bc$="Remove disk...Press return":gosub965:Poke53272,21
726 Print"Do you want to copy another disk? (y or n & RETURN)":Poke53272,23
727 Inputd$:ifd$="y"then100:ifd$="yes"then100:Poke53272,21
728 Print"Thank you for using our Program."
729 forw=1to1000:nextw:Print":end
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Dallas

TARGET  
1400 Precinct Line  
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949 Melbourne Rd  
Hurst

VIDEOLAND  
904 Melbourne Rd  
Hurst

VIDEO CONCEPTS  
North Hills Mall  
N. Richland Hills

We are presently mailing the newsletter to these dealers. Beginning with this issue, we  
are accepting free ads on a trial basis in order to get more info to the members. If you know  
of other dealers who might wish to participate, please contact Steve S. at 571-9187.

Dealers, if you wish to include an ad for the July newsletter, please contact Steve  
Stockdale, 2920 Tangle Oaks Ct, Bedford 76021, 571-9187 (home) or (214) 462-5606 (work).  
To assure your ad will be included, please reply by 2 July. Size of the ad will vary  
according to allowable space.

# TAYLOR COMPUTERS - 949 MELBOURNE RD

... NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

- DISCONTINUING ALL VIC-20 EQUIPMENT - 40% OFF
- COMPLETE LINE OF C-64 SOFTWARE, ESPECIALLY ALL BUSINESS APPLICATIONS PROGRAMS
  - \* \* \* EASY SCRIPT WORD PROCESSING - \$99.95
- CAN ORDER ANY SOFTWARE NOT IN STOCK
- COMPLETE SERVICE AND REPAIR (INCLUDING POWER SUPPLY)
- WILL ACCEPT TRADE-INS (NO VIC-20, PLEASE)
- SMITH-CORONA TP-1 WITH TRACTOR FEED - \$475 (1 ONLY)
- 15% DISCOUNT TO MCCC MEMBERS WITH ID

## RAVE

... NOW HAS NEW CBM BUSINESS MACHINES

\* \* \* CBM 8032 COMPUTER - \$599

32K, 80 COLUMN, BUILT-IN

11" MONOCHROME MONITOR

\* \* \* CBM 8050 DUAL DISK DRIVE (500K)

\* \* \* CBM 4040 DUAL DISK DRIVE (340K)

\* \* \* CBM 8023 DOT-MATRIX PRINTER

NE PLAZA

PRESTONWOOD MALL MEDALLION CENTER

*Un-New*

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GROUP LEADERS

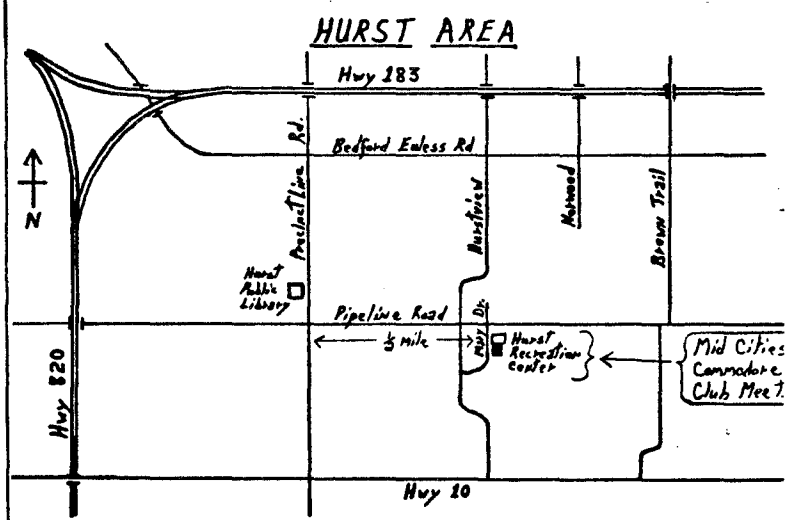
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|----------------|----------|-------|
| FUZZY WIEST    | 927-8301 | C-64  |
| BRYAN FOLEY    | 498-6305 | C-64  |
| DIANE DEWS     | 485-4747 | C-64  |
| KEN WESTBROOK  | 439-3366 | VIC   |
| GARY STALLCUP  | 571-2264 | PET   |
| GEORGE CROWLEY | 283-0516 | MODEM |

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| DAVID SUNKEL    | 485-0582 | LIBRARIAN  |
| STEVE STOCKDALE | 571-9187 | NEWSLETTER |
| JOE KENT        | 281-7506 | EDUCATION  |

\*\*\*NEXT MEETING\*\*\*

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1:30 P.M.



**HURST RECREATION CENTER**  
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